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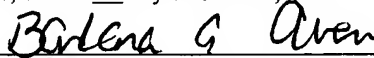
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor:	Barry Byron	
Appln. No.:	10/656,027	
Filing Date:	September 4, 2003	Examiner: H. Desai
Title:	Apparatus and Method for Sealing a Bag	Group Art Unit: 3721

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 4th day of October, 2004.

  
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Dear Sir:

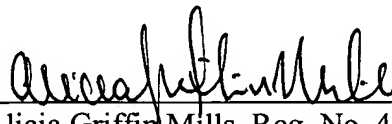
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of One (1) month(s) (from September 4 to October 4, 2004) within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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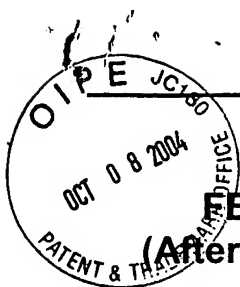
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# FREE DETERMINATION (After Amendment of Claims)

Complete if Known

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Claims as Amended in Response to Office Action dated: June 4, 2004

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)		AMENDMENT FEE CALCULATION (Continued)			
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to: Deposit Account No.: 04-1420 Deposit Account Name: DORSEY &amp; WHITNEY LLP</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed</p>		<b>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</b>			
		Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		110	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$55
		420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
		950	475	Extension for reply within third month	
		1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1,330	665	Issue Fee-Utility/Reissue	
		330	165	Notice of Appeal	
		330	165	Filing brief in support of appeal	
		290	145	Request for oral hearing	
		110	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	
		110	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
		1,330	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
		130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		180	180	Submission of IDS	
		770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		Other fee (specify):			
		Subtotal (2)			\$55
		Total Amount of Payment:			\$55

AMENDMENT FEE CALCULATION					
1. EXTRA* CLAIM FEES					
Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid for	Present Extra	Fee from Below*	Additional Fee	
Total 20	- 22	= 0	x	=	
Indep. 3	- 3	= 0	x	=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x	=
Subtotal (1)				N/A	
*Calculation of Extra Claim Fees					
Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description			
18	9	Claims in excess of 20			
86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3			
290	145	Multiple dependent Claim			
86	43	Reissue independent claims over original patent			
18	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			

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